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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a school radon testing and mitigation grant
2 program and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.25 School radon testing and
2 mitigation grant program.

3 1. A school radon testing and mitigation grant program
4 is established in the department to award grants to school
5 districts for purposes of radon testing and mitigation
6 at attendance centers. The department of education shall
7 administer the program in collaboration with the department of
8 public health.

9 2. A school district awarded a grant in accordance with this
10 section for purposes of radon testing shall retain a person
11 certified pursuant to section 136B.1 to conduct the testing.
12 A school district awarded a grant in accordance with this
13 section for purposes of radon mitigation shall retain a person
14 credentialed to perform radon abatement measures pursuant to
15 section 136B.1 to conduct the mitigation. Radon testing and
16 radon mitigation funded by a grant from the program shall be
17 conducted as prescribed by the department of public health.

18 3. The department of education shall develop grant
19 application, selection, and evaluation criteria. Such criteria
20 shall include but are not limited to the results of any
21 previous radon testing and mitigation conducted at attendance
22 centers in the school district; the financial need of the
23 school district as determined by criteria including but not
24 limited to the budget enrollment of a school district and
25 the extent to which a school district's adjusted additional
26 property tax levy rate exceeds the statewide maximum adjusted
27 additional property tax levy rate, as calculated under section
28 257.15, subsection 4; and the amount of any commitment of
29 matching funds by the school district. A school district
30 shall not be eligible for a grant for the purpose of radon
31 mitigation at an attendance center unless the results of a
32 radon test conducted at the attendance center were at or above
33 four picocuries per liter.

34 4. The amount of a grant awarded in accordance with this
35 section shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars per school

1 district.

2 5. The department of education and the department of public
3 health shall each adopt rules to administer this section.

4 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
5 general fund of the state to the department of education
6 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June
7 30, 2015, the following amount, to be used for the purposes
8 designated:

9 For the awarding of grants from the school radon testing and
10 mitigation grant program established in section 256.25:

11 \$ 1,000,000

12 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
13 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
14 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
15 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
16 succeeding fiscal year.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill establishes a school radon testing and mitigation
21 grant program in the department of education for purposes
22 of radon testing and mitigation at attendance centers. The
23 program will be administered by the department of education in
24 collaboration with the department of public health.

25 A school district that receives a grant for radon testing
26 must retain a person certified by the department of public
27 health to conduct the testing. A school district that receives
28 a grant for radon mitigation must retain a person credentialed
29 to perform radon abatement measures by the department of public
30 health to conduct the mitigation. Radon testing and radon
31 mitigation funded by a grant from the program must be conducted
32 as prescribed by the department of public health.

33 The department of education must develop grant application,
34 selection, and evaluation criteria. Such criteria must include
35 but are not limited to the results of any previous radon

1 testing and mitigation conducted at attendance centers in the
2 school district; the financial need of the school district
3 as determined by certain criteria; and the amount of any
4 commitment of matching funds by the school district. A school
5 district can only be eligible for a grant for the purpose of
6 radon mitigation at an attendance center if results of a radon
7 test conducted at the attendance center were at or above four
8 picocuries per liter.

9 The amount of a grant cannot exceed \$50,000 per school
10 district.

11 The bill appropriates \$1 million to the department of
12 education for fiscal year 2014-2015 to be used for school radon
13 testing and mitigation grants.